

A friend visited him in the hospital last week and thought Clem might be fading in and out of lucidity when he started going on about the women not having stools to sit on. Stools were his final mission in the service of good works in unexpected places.

It bothered him that the cashiers in the cafeteria at the Legislative Office Building had to stand all day at their registers. He wanted them to have stools. It's only fair. In his personal distress, he would not let it go. On Friday, stools were delivered to the LOB. He is, according to his closest friend, at peace.

CLEM ROY, LOBBYIST AND BON VIVANT, DIES AT 65

(By Mark Pazniokas—The Connecticut Mirror)

Clem Roy, one of most delightfully idiosyncratic characters ever to grace the halls of the state Capitol, died today at Hartford Hospital, just weeks after being diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Roy, 65, was a successful lobbyist with a largely business clientele, but a much, much broader portfolio of interests and causes.

He managed the 1981 mayoral campaign of Thurman Milner, the first black mayor of Hartford. He was deeply interested in the arts. He gambled, golfed and enjoyed cigars. Women tended to find him charming, and not only the three he married.

The staff on the second floor of the Conklin Building at Hartford Hospital had to wonder just whom they had as their guest for the past few weeks. The stream of visitors included legislators, a former governor and a prominent restaurant owner.

The latter brought Roy's favorite steak, along with a favorite waitress to serve it. As was his habit at the restaurant, Roy was gracious to the wait staff, then crabbled at the owner about how the meal was prepared. The owner was delighted.

Roy grew up in Bristol. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army, then got involved in politics, volunteering for Bobby Kennedy's campaign in 1968. He was a committee clerk at the Capitol more than 30 years ago, then became a lobbyist in an era where the ethical and cultural norms were a tad more relaxed.

His first lobbying client was a bank sent his way by the chairman of the banks committee.

In later years, his business partner was Craig LeRoy, a buttoned-down yin to Roy's yang. LeRoy is married with three children, who saw their father's partner as an impossibly colorful uncle. Roy and LeRoy each seemed to live a little vicariously through the other.

Conversations with Roy were wild rambles. Topics might include his system at slots, his vote for Barack Obama in 2008, or his resolve not to vote for him in 2012 over Obama's absence from Arlington National Cemetery one Memorial Day. Unforgivable in Roy's view.

He took no offense, however, when it once was noted in a news story that Roy's clients included Big Tobacco and the funeral industry. He repeated the line often.

Roy insisted he didn't talk to reporters. He did lobbying, not PR. He reminded me of that every time we talked.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAYREVILLE EMERGENCY SQUAD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sayreville Emergency Squad

as its members celebrate the organization's 75th Anniversary. Sayreville Emergency Services faithfully serves local residents, businesses and visitors throughout Sayreville, New Jersey. Their honorable actions are undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

The Sayreville Emergency Squad is an all volunteer organization founded in 1936 to serve the emergency medical needs of the residents of Sayreville. Many of the services provided by the Emergency Squad, which include emergency medical services, low angle rope rescue, and water/boat rescue, are free of charge to the residents. All operating costs are paid for through the generous donations of Sayreville residents. The formidable men and women of this organization are New Jersey State EMT Certified and respond to over 3,500 calls for assistance each year. Volunteers sacrifice holidays and time with their family to assist those in need of emergency medical assistance, many times in harsh weather conditions. This non-profit volunteer organization continues to provide superior quality emergency medical and technical support and is a shining example of what steadfast commitment and dedication can accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the Sayreville Emergency Services on its 75th Anniversary in thanking the men and women who have faithfully served and protected the Borough of Sayreville.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH W. AIDLIN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Joseph W. Aidlin of Los Angeles County, California, who was a pioneer in the geothermal industry and development of law for geothermal resources, and institutional matters related to development and use.

Born on April 28, 1910 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Russian immigrants, Joseph's family moved to California in the 1920's, settling in the Los Angeles area. When the Aidlin family moved to Long Beach, the Signal Hill oil field was being developed and it was there—watching oil wells being drilled—that Joseph became fascinated with oil and other mineral exploration, a life-long interest. Despite a love of science and an inclination to attend Caltech, Mr. Aidlin majored in economics at UCLA, receiving his B.A. in Economics with honors in 1930. He received his law degree from UC Berkeley, Boalt School of Law in 1933 and was admitted to the California State Bar, after which he began practicing law. His practice included divorces, wills, and taxes and a particular case involving an oil company and tideland boundaries that sparked his life-long interest in land titles and natural resources.

Along with his law practice, where his most recognized accomplishments had been in land titles and natural resources, especially geothermal, Mr. Aidlin influenced geothermal activities fundamentally in numerous other ways for many years. In 1954, he and his partners, B.C. McCabe and Robert Bering, co-founded

Magma Power Company which "created modern geothermal development at the Geysers Geothermal Field, which is to say geothermal development in California, the United States and the Americas." Joseph served as Vice President, Secretary, General Counsel and Member of the Board of Directors of Magma Power Company until 1987. Mr. Aidlin co-founded the Geothermal Resources Council (GRC), and he was the first recipient of a prestigious award given to the person contributing most to the geothermal industry, the Joseph W. Aidlin Award. A leader in writing national and state legislation relating to geothermal resources, Mr. Aidlin drafted the world's first geothermal lease, contributed to having the Geothermal Resources Act being made a part of California's Resources Code in 1968 and participated substantially in developing provisions of the Federal Geothermal Steam Act of 1970. He was a member of the National Geothermal Advisory Committee of the Department of Energy and Chairman of its Legal and Institutional Subcommittee, and a member of the Geothermal Energy Panel of the Energy Research Advisory Board of the Department of Energy.

Joseph and his wife Mary were married for 63 years. After Mary's death in 1997, Joseph continued to work at his law practice beyond his one-hundredth birthday on April 28, 2010, making him the oldest active lawyer in California. Mr. Aidlin died peacefully in his sleep on September 30, 2010. A pioneer and a man of great principles, I ask all members to join in me in remembering Joseph W. Aidlin.

INCREASING STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1954, a clean up-or-down vote on extending the debt limit, refusing to hold this critical measure hostage to other economic and political objectives.

I must confess that I am perplexed to see the majority bring an utterly vital bill to the floor that it has no intention of passing—and is actually urging its members to vote against. I must also note that it contains a poison pill: a hypocritical and deceptive clause that seeks to lay full blame on President Obama for the need for a debt limit increase.

Mr. Speaker, how many members of Congress have voted for a tax cut or an appropriations bill over the past few Congresses? The answer is nearly all. While we may debate the merits of each of those past proposals and reach different conclusions on their merit, the bill for these prior legislative acts is now due. Not paying it would be reckless, and you don't have to be an economist to figure that out. Every American family knows that you must pay your bills when those bills come due. The United States can be no different.

Passage of a clean debt ceiling bill would affirm that America always pays her bills. This isn't about authorizing new spending; it's just ensuring that we can pay for what we have already bought. Whether Congress is paying for tax cuts, tanks, or teachers, there's no free lunch.

As troubling as the motivations behind this vote are, more troubling still is the majority's willingness to put the full faith and credit of the United States at risk to gain leverage over economic policy. Republicans should not be holding the economy hostage to advance their ideological agenda, especially when the economic recovery is still fragile.

Earlier this year, I joined with my colleagues in asking House Republicans to support a clean debt limit increase, but today it's clear they will not. In short, the majority is playing with fire. Remember this: default would set off a catastrophic chain of economic consequences, putting not just the economic recovery at risk, but risking a new, deeper recession. It would affect every single American family, every single worker and every single retiree. There is no reason to manufacture a crisis, but we have seen this play before from the majority, who manufactured a crisis over funding the government in the 2011 fiscal year: a crisis that ended up costing taxpayers more money and realizing none of the promised savings this year.

The majority can do better than partisan posturing, and it must. There are many members—on both sides of the aisle—who I suspect share this conviction. I have long advocated a comprehensive approach to deficit reduction. I believe any serious approach puts all the options—revenue, as well as domestic, defense and entitlement spending, carefully targeted in all cases—on the table as we chart a course back to fiscal balance. But where we cut and of whom we ask additional sacrifice should be consistent with our priorities and values.

If we consider all the options, we can chart a course to fiscal balance, one that invests in the things that ensure our economic success: education, innovation, and infrastructure. If we consider all the options, we can safeguard our commitment to seniors instead of undermining it by turning Medicare into a voucher program. Congress must do better than a budget that ends Medicare as we know it to pay for tax cuts to oil companies and wealthy individuals, and at the same time sinks the country \$1.9 trillion further into debt. Not long ago, many responsible members of the majority party favored a comprehensive approach. As we move forward, I urge them not to wilt on the vine in the face of pressure from those on the far right.

Congress must come together and negotiate in good faith if we are going to do the two critical things required of us: to put the American people back to work in a fully recovered economy, and to chart a course back to fiscal balance. I will vote for this legislation today, because America must pay its bills. But this Republican move is far more symbolic than serious, harnessing only Congress' power as an instrument of partisan politics, and not its power as an instrument to answer the country's problems.

“ENDEAVOUR”—IN HONOR OF HER  
FINAL MISSION THE ENDEAVOUR  
STS-134

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in gratitude of the brave men and

women of NASA, and the Shuttle program. On this, *Endeavour's* last and final mission, and to the crew of Kelly, Johnson, Fincke, Chamitoff, Feustel, Vittori, we say God Speed. Our prayers are with you and your families. I ask that this poem penned in honor of them by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

ENDEAVOUR

When . . . Whenever . . . Whenever, We  
Endeavour!  
And go forth! All out upon our most heroic  
course \* \* \* and reach for the stars!  
To new heights, all in our hopes and dreams  
. . . This Flight . . . This Force, that  
only hearts can so ignite!  
Burning bold and burning bright, all out  
upon our most heroic ways!  
To strive for such lofty goals, and dreams!  
All out towards new worlds to explore, such  
magnificence . . . such themes!  
To soar to, where none before have gone!  
As ever onward, we speed . . . to far off and  
most distant shores . . .  
'As all in this, it so surely seems . . .  
That this force, these golden dreams . . . but  
can only come from, from within . . .  
the bravest of all hearts, convene!  
Only with such shining hopes and dreams,  
will we reach this end!  
As we Endeavour, to go forth to see what  
must be seen!  
Armed with but only our hearts of courage  
full, as we so dare to dream, time and  
time again!  
As all ahead full, we proceed!  
To take us out of earth's surly bonds, all out  
upon our most historic course . . .  
To new worlds, so far beyond . . . this force!  
All in our search for the truth . . .  
To Discovery and beyond, all in the pursuit  
of knowledge . . . all in our hearts of  
youth!  
As we are gone! As to new world's we ex-  
plore!  
But, for Man and Womankind's very exist-  
ence to so insure!  
Above and beyond! To Reach For and  
Achieve, all in what we believe!  
As our hearts take flight, to plant these  
seeds!  
To meet Woman and Mankind's, needs!  
While, all out there on the edge of death . . .  
hurdlng, through space . . . at speed!  
As these bravest of all hearts so crest, and so  
rapidly so beat . . . all in this their  
race against time, we so see!  
Right to the very edge of death, all in these  
their most heroic quests!  
All for our world to so bless! This need!  
To find the answers that we must know! But,  
to Endeavour there so!  
While, all of their precious lives but lie in  
their hands . . .  
The men and women Omission control, who  
now so stand!  
Who so tirelessly work, all on their watch  
. . . who plan . . .  
As life and death, but hangs on a strand!  
For you are worth your weight in gold, as  
this we all so understand!  
As you too have chose to Endeavour, as so  
much is owed!  
As through these journeys we continue to  
learn, and grow!  
All out upon our course! So that in the end,  
Woman and Mankind may ascend!  
To new heights and so go forth!  
And so Endeavour, as you take your last and  
final mission . . .  
and final visions, and blast off to this final  
ignition!  
All in your most magnificent of quests, and  
celestial visions . . .  
A prayer, a wish . . . to all of you, but come  
our blessings!  
As you hurdle through space, on the very  
edge of death!

For all of us to bless! God Speed, and safe  
journey on that edge!

You most heroic champions of space, as said  
. . .

The ones who so dare to dream, as now up to  
new worlds you so speed!

And to all those who over the years, who too  
have so Endeavored here . . .

With tears, as you rode upon her historic  
wings . . .

As to your most courageous hearts, her  
songs to you did sing!

As you so brought back to our world, many  
a splendid thing!

All within the light of the knowledge, that  
you so carried back with you all upon  
her golden wings . . .

All because you all so chose, To Endeavour!  
—Albert Caswell

## CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH RESOLUTION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a resolution recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage month. This resolution acknowledges the important contributions Caribbean-Americans have made to our nation's history and culture.

Let me begin by thanking my esteemed colleagues Representative DONALD PAYNE, Chair of the Caribbean Caucus, Congresswomen DONNA CHRISTENSEN and FEDERICA WILSON, my esteemed friend Representative JOHN CONYERS, Congressman ED TOWNS, and many others who have joined me in introducing this resolution today, the first day of Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

I am also pleased that the President issued a Proclamation on May 31, 2011, declaring June 2011 to be Caribbean-American Heritage Month, as has been the practice since Congress unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolution 71 in February 2006. As a long-time supporter of the Caribbean and a frequent visitor to the region, I was very proud to see us celebrate this important commemorative month for the fifth straight year.

I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Claire Nelson and the Institute of Caribbean Studies as well as all the other Caribbean American organizations in Washington, my home state of California, and across the country that have worked and continue to work to make Caribbean-American Heritage Month a great success.

As the President said in his proclamation, “Immigrants from Caribbean countries have come to America for centuries. Some came through the bondage of slavery.

Others willfully left behind the world they knew in search of a better life. Regardless of the circumstances of their arrival, they had faith their descendants would have a chance to realize their greatest potential.”

Throughout the history of the United States, this nation has been fortunate to benefit from countless individuals of Caribbean descent who have contributed to American government, politics, business, arts, education, and culture—including one of my personal mentors, the Honorable Shirley Chisholm.

Shirley Chisholm was a woman of Ba-jan and Guyanese descent, who never forgot her